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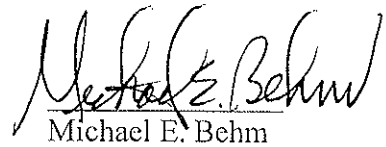
RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FIREARMS QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

PURPOSE: To prescribe policies and procedures for conducting retired law enforcement officer firearms qualifications at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, hereinafter referred to as the Training Center, or by Nebraska Certified Firearms Instructors.

- (1) **Scope:** Applicable to the Training Center, Nebraska Certified Firearms Instructors and Retired Law Enforcement Officers residing in the State.
- (2) **Reference:** Title 18, Chapter 44, Sections 926 B and 926 C, Title 79, Chapter 11.
- (3) **General:** Federal law provides for qualified retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms. A provision of the law requires a retired officer to complete a firearm qualification on an annual basis. The Training Center will provide facilities and services to assist retired officers in meeting the firearm qualification provision.
- (4) **Procedure:**
 - (a) In an effort to assist in the implementation of federal law, the Training Center will provide firearms qualifications for retired officers. Agencies will be responsible for the qualification of their active officers. Agencies may also provide procedures and documentation to qualified former personnel who meet the federal criteria of a qualified retired law enforcement officer in good standing. The Training Center will provide firearms qualifications for retired law enforcement officers who cannot obtain such services from their previous agency. Any Nebraska Certified Firearms Instructor can qualify any retired Nebraska Certified officer who resides in the State.
 - (b) For qualification at the Training Center, retired officers will make an appointment with the lead firearms instructor at the Training Center.
 - (c) To participate in a firearms qualification at the Training Center or before any Nebraska Certified Firearms Instructor at other firearms ranges, a retired officer must meet the following requirements:
 - i. Present a photo identification card from the agency from which the officer retired. The identification card must state that the bearer has been determined by the agency to be a qualified retired law enforcement officer as defined by federal law.

- ii. Present one other form of personal photo identification such as a driver's license.
 - iii. Submit the firearm he/she will use for qualification to the range instructor for inspection. For those qualifying at the Training Center, you must have a safe functioning handgun that meets our range standards. The Training Center allows 380 caliber, 38 caliber, 357 caliber, 9mm, 10mm, 40 caliber and 45 caliber pistols and revolvers.
 - iv. Bring personal ammunition to be used in the qualification. The participant will need to bring a minimum of fifty rounds of ammunition for each time he/she shoots the qualification. Ammunition must be factory manufactured new ammunition.
 - v. If conducted at the Training Center, pay a qualification administration fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to cover expenses.
 - vi. Complete a range safety orientation class provided immediately prior to participating in a qualification.
 - vii. Sign a Training Center form (TC-004B) attesting that he/she is a retired officer in good standing and that he/she does not have any criminal conviction that would prohibit the possession of a firearm; and
 - viii. Sign a Training Center waiver of liability if qualifying at the Center.
- (d) Retired officer firearms qualifications will be conducted by certified Nebraska law enforcement firearms instructors following these procedures. Agencies qualifying their own retired officers may use their own agency approved procedures and forms. Agencies may charge retirees a fee to cover expenses of qualification or issuing credentials. Firearms instructors must have permission of their agency and must have permission of their range facility to conduct qualifications of retired officers from other agencies.
- (e) The firearms qualification for retired officers shall be the State Handgun Qualification Course. Firearms qualifications shall be completed and scored in accordance with standards set forth in Title 79, Chapter 11. Retired officers must meet the State Handgun Qualification standards to receive a passing score.
- (f) Retired officers are required to observe all NLETC range rules while shooting the firearms qualification at the Training Center. Safety violations of range rules will result in removal from the range. Persons removed for a safety violation will be permitted to register again to shoot the firearms qualification on a later date so long as they meet all requirements set forth in this Operating Instruction. Administration fees will not be refunded to persons removed from the range for a safety violation.

- (g) A person failing to receive a passing score will be permitted to shoot the State Handgun Qualification a second time so long as he/she has enough ammunition to complete the course. A person failing to receive a passing score a second time will not be permitted to shoot the course a third time. Such persons will be permitted to return on a new date and attempt to qualify so long as they meet all the requirements set forth in this Operating Instruction.
- (h) Persons passing the State Handgun Qualification at the Training Center will receive a certificate stating that they have passed the course signed by the qualifying firearms instructor. Firearms instructors qualifying other agency retired officers at another range and wanting a Nebraska Certificate from the Training Center shall mail the signed Training Center form TC-004B to the Training Center providing the name, address, type of handgun of the retired officer and qualification date and score. The Training Center will make the certificate and return it to the firearms instructor for his/her signature and to forward it to the retired officer. The certificate will:
 - i. Provide the date of the qualification.
 - ii. Have an expiration date of one year.
 - iii. State the type of handgun used in the qualification.
 - iv. State that the Training Center does not attest to the character or fitness of the person to carry a concealed firearm.
- (i) The Training Center will keep records of certificates issued to retired law enforcement officers for a period of one calendar year from the date the card was issued. If a certificate is lost, a duplicate certificate may be issued for a fee of five dollars, (\$5.00.) The duplicate certificate shall expire one year from the date the person qualified and not the date of issue.



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